

To: Residents and Staff  
From: Timothy L. Myers, President & CEO  
Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update  
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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Baptist Senior Family remains committed to the fulfillment of our mission. Since our last weekly COVID-19 update on January 14, one skilled nursing staff member and two skilled nursing residents on the Baptist Homes campus have tested positive for COVID-19. On the Providence Point campus, no skilled nursing residents, two skilled nursing staff, one contracted therapy staff, one personal care contracted agency staff and one staff member in independent living dining tested positive for COVID-19.

Visitation is open in all areas at Providence Point. Visitation is open in all areas at Baptist Homes, but continues to be strongly discouraged on the third floor of skilled nursing. Visitors will be made aware when positive cases and outbreak testing occur as required.

Per CMS guidelines, unvaccinated staff continue to be tested routinely. Residents and staff will be tested if symptomatic or in the event of a positive case.

The skilled nursing, personal care, and memory support residences continue to follow federal and state mandates. **Due to the very high number of new cases and the very high transmission rate, Dr. Debra Bogen, Director of the Allegheny County Health Department, has recommended that all county residents only go out when necessary and wear a mask when outside the home. We strongly recommend that you avoid large gatherings and wear a mask when you are outside your home.** Masks still **must be worn** in all skilled nursing, personal care and memory support areas by staff and visitors whether vaccinated or unvaccinated. All residents must wear masks while outside of their rooms. All staff whether vaccinated or unvaccinated must wear masks in independent living areas. Staff and visitors to skilled nursing and personal care/memory support continue to be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 when entering our buildings.

If you go on an outing, please ensure that everyone wears a mask and avoids crowded venues where the risk of infection may be increased. To help to contain the spread of COVID-19, and also to keep ourselves, our families, and the residents we serve free from the COVID-19 virus, each of us must be diligent to:

- Wear masks in high risk areas or in locations where there may be unvaccinated individuals,
- Ensure mask fits snugly and mask covers both nose AND mouth,
- Wear masks and practice physical distancing of 6 feet or more if you are unvaccinated,
- Continue to observe appropriate cough and sneeze etiquette, continue to wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, and
- Use hand sanitizer frequently when hand washing is not practicable.

Thank you for your continued understanding, cooperation, and compliance with all of the measures that are in place due to COVID-19.

Please continue to keep Baptist Senior Family, our residents, and our staff in your prayers.